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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 26, 2015

DATE: Date memo prepared
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Janine Baker, Court Administrator, Sparks Justice Court
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THROUGH: Kevin Higgins, Justice of the Peace
SUBJECT: Authorize the Sparks Justice Court to use Procards to purchase incentives in the form of gift cards for participants of the Sparks Recovery Court paid for through the grant-funded SJC Specialty Court Fund (IO 20416). (All Commission Districts).

SUMMARY

Authorize the Sparks Justice Court to use Procards to purchase incentives in the form of gift cards for participants of the Sparks Recovery Court paid for through the grant-funded SJC Specialty Court Fund (IO 20416).

PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 18, 2015 the Board acknowledged a Specialty Court General Fund Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Sparks Justice Court in the sum of \$45,050 for the creation of the Sparks Recovery Court.

BACKGROUND

The Sparks Recovery Court operates under the "Nevada Specialty Court Funding Guidelines and Criteria" approved by the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada October 23, 2015. A key component cited in these guidelines is to reward cooperation. "Small rewards for incremental successes have an important effect on a participant's sense of purpose and accomplishment therefore incentives are used to encourage participants to work toward and maintain sobriety." The guidelines list "Small tangible rewards (gift certificates \$5-\$15 value) as an incentive. The Sparks Recovery Court has been awarded grant funding to purchase this type of incentive but require Board approval for the use of the Procard.

AGENDA ITEM # 5D

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be "Authorize the Sparks Justice Court to use Procards to purchase incentives in the form of gift cards for participants of the Sparks Recovery Court paid for through the grant-funded SJC Specialty Court Fund (IO 20416)."